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ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION, 1515 BATHURST STREET, TORONTO, ONTARIO M5P 3H4

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Glenda Thomson

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Your continued support through membership fees is greatly appreciated. It plays a very important part in our efforts to keep the Old Boys' Association operating. The present level of the Scholarship Funds which we have been donating to the School is also a reflection of your support.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR $15.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE?

President's Message

Paul G. Grossi, C.A. President

A MATTER OF PRIDE - these words hold special meaning for the St. Michael's College School Old Boys' Association.

We have many reasons to be proud ... proud of our fellow old boys who lead in every field of human endeavour ... proud of our previous and present traditional excellence in the classrooms and on the playing field ... proud of the financial and time contributions made by our alumni over the last thirty years.

As president of the association, I am counting on your pride to support the changes made in the activities of your association during the last year. Your participation by attending and contributing time and money will enable your association to justify its purpose and achieve its objectives.

FUND RAISING SCHOLARSHIP DRAW - March 29, 1985.
(Chairman - Paul Thomson)

This activity has received a major shot in the arm by the establishment of a committee to organize the alumni efforts in this area. Most of the details have been completed; however, we still need new tickets sellers and buyers to make this the best campaign ever.

BLUE BANNER

We can no longer afford the six thousand dollars cost to produce and mail two issues per year. The proposed changes are to issue the *Banner* once a year or to obtain advertising revenue.

In view of the fact that the association is trying to develop a network of business and professional services that the old boys can use, the executive will attempt to generate advertising revenue. Any business people that want a listing in our next issue for $25.00, please contact P. Grossi (239-3973). The listings which will be limited to the first seventy-five applications will include the individuals name, business name, address, phone number and type of business.

Gobble! Gobble! Gobble!

It's time to invite all you turkeys back to the Roast for St. Mike's annual Turkey Roll. As it always has been, the Turkey Roll will be held the 1st Friday in December; therefore, mark December 7th down on your calendar as TURKEY NIGHT.

Again this year admission is free; however, we do ask you to honour your commitment to St. Mike's by paying an Alumni membership fee of $15.00.

WHEELS OF FORTUNE, lots of BLACKJACK TABLES and the TURKEY SHOOT will highlight the evening. St. Mike's College memorabilia will also be available for sale.

The Lounge in the cafeteria will be open, offering a great atmosphere for a coffee and to discuss old times with good friends.

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[illegible] COMING EVENTS 1985-85
GENERAL MEETINGS - 2nd Tuesday of
[illegible] Alumni Room (above
Arena) 8:30 p.m.
TURKEY ROLL
[illegible] Dec. 7th. Gym, 7:00-12:00 p.m.
SCHOLARSHIP DRAW
Friday, March 29, 1985. Gym,
7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. (Social evening)
ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Wednesday, June 19, 1985 at
Carrying Place. (phone Paul Thomson
at 653-1130).

Gobble! Gobble! Gobble!

This year we will be honouring the classes of 54,59,64,69,74,79 and the biggest [illegible] from one of these years will be justly rewarded. (Prizes, prizes, prizes). [illegible] forget, FRIDAY DECEMBER 7th IS TURKEY ROLL NIGHT. There'll [illegible] Turkey's to be won and you'll probably see a few Turkey's who either [illegible] you or went to school with you.

See you then.

Rob Grossi,
Vice President

Help Our Records Department

During the summer, Paul Thomson converted our alumni records to the school's computer system. This conversion may have resulted in some errors in our files. Therefore, if your name or address is not spelled correctly or is not correct on the address label of this alumni bulletin, please let us know.

Memorabilia

We are seeking donations of year books, pictures and other memorabilia to be displayed in the Old Boy's Room. Please write or phone Paul Grossi (239-3973) or Joe Younder (653-3180) to arrange for transportation of your contributions.

From The Principal's Desk

[illegible] J. Fitzpatrick, C.S.B.

[illegible] enters its 132nd year with a record enrollment, [illegible] students. The most surprising increase occurs in grade [illegible] some 201 students are enrolled. The customary [illegible] this grade runs between 140 and 160. The fees, [illegible] have crossed the four digit threshold for the first time [illegible]

Staff Changes

[illegible] established the visual arts program [illegible] the yearbook taught and preached [illegible] enriched the school's cultural life in [illegible] has been called by the Basilian community to [illegible] public school system in Calgary. When Fr. [illegible] St. Michael's in the early '70s to introduce [illegible] early oriented environment of the [illegible] for him. However, his own [illegible] warm and encouraging manner [illegible] talents. Art soon became [illegible] projects in the campus. A similar [illegible] soon attracted great numbers of [illegible] program and in the course of his 10 [illegible] some 25 dramatic and musical [illegible] Kinnon's years at St. Michael's corres- [illegible] cultural explosion in Toronto's development [illegible] richer for his inspired direction of the youthful [illegible] phenomenon here in the school.

[illegible] director of hockey and a member of the [illegible] department has retired. Maurice has spent a [illegible] of our national sport in the [illegible] His drama was to see govern- [illegible] marriage between two parties [illegible] made for each other - education [illegible] firm believer in the humanizing [illegible] especially his beloved [illegible] the depths of his reading in [illegible] the plight of this much [illegible] sports family. Like all prophets, [illegible] wilderness, but was never [illegible] prophet's heart also told him that [illegible]

Joseph King leaves us to take up a teaching position at Dennis O'Connor High School in Ajax. Joe came to St. Michael's as a member of the Basilian Associate program. We are grateful to him for his good work in the guidance and English departments and his co-curricular contributions to the volleyball program.

And joining the staff this year are Fr. Leonard Cullen, C.S.B., who comes to us from Michael Power High School to teach art and English; Fr. Hugh Foley, C.S.B., from St. Basil's parish to take up once again his field of academic and spiritual counselling; Mr. Edward O'Connor from St. Andrew's College in Aurora to replace Fr. McKinnon as head of the Visual Arts Department; Brent Kratz ('75) and Anthony Zanardo, both graduates of the Faculty of Education who begin their teaching careers in Science and Computer Studies for Brent, and in Geography for Tony. To all our new staff members a warm welcome and success in your new challenges.

The Funding of Catholic High Schools

While the funding of Catholic high schools may not have been granted as straightforwardly as we, perhaps in our naivete, thought it would be, nevertheless, it is here and we should rejoice! Given the circumstances that the move creates, the conditions attached to the offer should be viewed not so much as conditions but as moral imperatives. One of these conditions is that Catholic schools hire public school teachers whose jobs are lost because of completion.

If, for example, a significant number of Catholic students now in public schools opt for the new Catholic system, what will become of the empty classrooms and pupilless teachers this shift will leave behind in the public system? Justice would say that we along with Premier Davis share a responsibility to lessen, as much as possible, the impact of this dislocation upon our public school colleagues.

Take my pupils...Take my job

The acceptance of teachers, displaced through completion of the Catholic system, into our system for a period of ten years need not threaten the catholicity of our schools. Indeed, many of these teachers will be Catholic, and if this factor does not absorb all of the displaced non-Catholic teachers, our obligation in justice still remains. We must welcome them into our schools, as well.

From The Principal's Desk Continued.....

But this must be done under certain strict conditions. They must attend an in-service program outlining the nature of our system and the role they would be expected to play in its apostolic objectives. These objectives would preclude them teaching courses in religious studies or any value laden disciplines such as English, history, biology, geography, technology and physical and health education where matters of faith and morals arise.

Non-Catholic Student's in the Schools

The matter of non-Catholic students coming into the Catholic school is also a source of concern. Until recently non-Catholics have been welcome, if there was room, in a particular school. There is no reason why this custom should not continue as long as the non-Catholic parents accept both the academic and spiritual programs of the Catholic school for their children. Such acceptance in no way implies conversion to or practice of the Catholic faith, but rather an openness to the Catholic orientation of the school and participation in its spirit.

All of these matters are troubling, to be sure, but a moderate influx of non-Catholic teachers and students could have the salutary effect of making our schools better, if their coming prompts us as Catholic trustees, administrators, principals, teachers, students and parents to deepen our own practice of the faith and make our schools more authentically Catholic.

St. Michael's and Completion

And where does St. Michael's fit into the new dispensation of Catholic public education? Before answering that, it would be well to remember that the struggle for completion was, if nothing else, a struggle for a truth - the truth that Catholics had a historic and democratic right to educate their children in tax-supported Catholic schools through to the end of high school. It was never a struggle that, once won, would commit all the Catholic private schools to march lock-step into a Catholic public system.

Catholic Education - Unity In Diversity

This would be to create a new educational monolith and to deny diversity of expression to Catholic education and a rightful pluralism of educational opportunities to the Catholic populace. But perhaps more shortsighted, such a development would consign to history the Catholic private school tradition in Ontario, which has more than proven its capacity, these past 150 years, to carry the Gospel message to youth, and to carry it in a manner not usually associated with private education - to youth both rich and poor.

The Catholic Private School...Endangered Species?

There is a danger that, in the euphoria of the completion victory, this uniquely successful Catholic private school tradition will disappear from our midst - disappear in the twinkling of an eye, before we can assess its priceless worth. Believing that the singular attributes of the private school are worth preserving and that they cannot be replicated in the new Catholic public system, some private schools in Ontario may approach their decision about completion in the light of their indebtedness to and participation in this long and glorious tradition. It should not be surprising, then, that St. Michael's, private since its founding in 1852, is thinking long and deep these days about its past and its future. The importance of the decision it faces would suggest that it proceed with haste, but ever so slowly.

And if after due reflection, St. Michael's should decide that it would best serve the teaching mission of the Church in Ontario by helping it to preserve private education, would it be considered as insincere or disloyal to the cause of completion? Indeed, it should not be! Catholic public education was fought for as a democratic right to be as freely chosen as its companion right - Catholic private education.

What Has Completion Completed?

From this perspective, then, it is clear that the fight for completion should be looked upon as completion of a too long denied pluralism in Catholic education. In retrospect, when we see what we are about to gain and what we could be about to lose, St. Michael's views completion as the restoration of two systems of Catholic education which, through the circumstances of history, were, each of them, truncated - Catholic private education cut off from grades 9 & 10 in 1967, when these grades were given over to the separate school boards, and Catholic public education, cut off from grades 11, 12 & 13 from the very outset. June 12, 1984 was as much an announcement of the completion of the former as it was of the latter.

The commissions appointed by the government to effect the transition of the schools to either public or private status (There is, by the way, a commission on the future of private schools.) will be reporting in the Spring 1985. During this interim period, when hard information is unavailable and the issue more confused than clear, St. Michael's will continue to study its own eventual response in the light of what has been stated above.

In Memorian

MORIN, RUSSILL SR. (25)

It was with great sorrow when the school community heard of the death of Russill Morin on January 5th. Russ, a long time friend and supporter of the school and the Old Boys' Association, attended the school from 1921-25. He graduated from U. of T. in 1929. There, he played for the Varsity Blues and was President of the Student Council. After university, he played football for General Motors of Canada. He then began his professional career in the Insurance business. Russ had always been an avid sportsman, active in both Rod and Gun clubs. Besides his many duties, he had time for St. Mike's and we are richer for it. He was an active Quarterback Club member from 1950-69 and served as its President. Moreover, he was the driving force behind the organization of Student Career Days. He was a lay member of the Ontario Catholic High School Association and served four years on the Senate at the University of Toronto. For all his dedication and loyalty to the school, the Old Boys' Association awarded him Old Boy of the Year in 1967.

To his wife, Madge, sons, Rusty (53) and Andy; and daughters, Sue and Nowell and their families, we extend our prayers and condolences.

Grad Profile

by Stanley Oziewicz (71)

(A Journalism graduate from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Stanley also studied at York University and l'Universite de Bordeaux. He graduated from St. Michael's College in 1971. In 1976, he joined *The Globe and Mail* as a general reporter and later worked in the Quebec City and Queen's Park bureaus. He was assigned to the Peking bureau in 1981. He now resides in Toronto.)

In the spring of 1971, when my class was graduating, Canada had just established relations with the People's Republic of China. That spring it would never have occurred to me that 10 years later, I'd be in Peking as *The Globe and Mail's* China correspondent, and that I'd be travelling throughout my two and a half year posting not only through most of the Chinese mainland but also to Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, Shi Lanka, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia.

I always tell people who ask me about China that my words should be taken with a grain of salt, because time has a way of turning memory foolish. It is the good things that one tends to remember and, as the object in the rear view mirror recedes, the bad moments dissolve.

So it is with St. Michael's. The less pleasant things (though vastly outnumbered) tend to fall by the wayside and one gets trapped in a balloon of nostalgia - one that would be pricked, I'm sure by the ascerbic wit of a Stephen Pozgae, or the burlesque of Claude Morrison, of today's Nylon's fame.

That being said, one of the more pleasant things that happened to me was having Joe Younder as a teacher of English. Joe's unorthodox manner of presenting the human condition had some unexpected surprises. There was the day that he brought in a film for us to see. It was called *Life in A Marsh* and was intended to be an allegory. It turned out to be a real life zoology lesson. It was Hugh McDougall who made Canadian history relevant, asking after the 1968 Liberal leadership convention that elected Pierre Trudeau about its choice. I remember making some comment about Trudeau's mannerisms, not realizing that years later I'd be writing about Federal - Provincial conferences and constitutional negotiations, and the effect on the public psyche of politicians' human foibles.

Other teachers who left a lasting impression: Father James Carruthers, Rocco Volpe, John Egsgard and Bob Holmes among them. They, in some way, directed me in my career in journalism. What other job could I report on the vast social experiment that is China today? In what other occupation could I have spent the night in the former Phnom Penh palatial residence of Prince Narodom Sihanouk, travel from the Cambodian capital in a military convoy to see the depressing human detritus of American GIs and Vietnamese women in Saigon, now Ho Chi Minh city, follow Premier Zhao Ziyang of China on his historic North American trip, and flit across Canada with the Polish 'Gentleman', Karol Wojtyla? And how would I have been involved in the writing of a book, *China Hands,* to be published before Christmas by MacLelland and Stewart?

This was not meant as a promo for journalism, although now that it's out, I'm content to let it stand with the caveat that there are the inevitable 'downsides' - temptations to cynicism and disruptions on family life.

I guess I got on this line of thought in trying to figure out the influence St. Michael's has had on me. It's a cliche, nevertheless true, that St. Mike's in my day (tell me it hasn't changed) splendidly blended the academic, athletic and spiritual dimension, the merging of mind and body to which Bob Holmes and Pope John Paul will attest. Then there is the matter of the motto: *Teach Me Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge.* Looking back, I could not have demanded much more. Coming back from China, I was asked to write about my religion. After some initial hesitation, I accepted and I am glad I did. Here again, my St. Mike's 'up-bringing' has held me in good stead in the catholicity of values the Basilians tried to inculcate. What more could I have asked for?

Student Council - Old And New

1984 - 85

Recent Student Council elections at St. Michael's resulted in the following students chosen for office: President, CHRIS BAYLEY (85); Vice Presidents, GIANCARLO MORRONE (85) and PETER MEEHAN (85); Treasurer, TONY SELJAK (85); Grad. Rep, BLAIR O'CONNOR (85); Sports Rep. PAUL PERREIRA (85); Social Rep. PETER SINCLAIR (85); and Junior Rep. ANTHONY CIPRIANI (88). The new council is preparing for a gym dance to be held in mid-October.

Special thanks are extended to the outgoing Student Council for excellent work done during the 1983-84 school year. Thanks and best wishes to former President, JOHN PATERSON (84), and his council including JOHN COFFEY (84), MIKE ORTELLI (84), PAT CHURCHILL (84), FRANK CRISPINO (84), JAMES COFFEY (84), TERRY BROOKS (84), and MIKE PATERNA (84).

Fr. Robert Kasun, CSB continues to serve a Student Council Moderator.

Class of '74 - Reunion Report

by Mike Church (74)

On June 28, 1984, the Class of '74 held a reunion party at the Westin Hotel in Toronto. Approximately fifty (50) former SMCS graduates attended. The evening started out with cocktails, followed by a dinner.

We were fortunate in having the company of Fr. Fitzpatrick for the evening as well as several teachers including Messrs. Dan Prendergast and Joe Younder.

The evening was a success. It was great to see how well all had matured and prospered (in many cases it showed around the waistlines).

Special thanks to all those who helped to organize and promote the event. The evening also turned a profit (approximately $400.00) which has been turned over to the SMCS Old Boy's Association to defray costs in other upcoming events.

We hope to schedule another reunion in five (5) years (15 year reunions). In the meantime, we hope to see everyone at the TURKEY ROLL, on December 7th.

Harry Hutchinson, Assistant Arena Manager, Retires

by Barry McDermott (60)

Harry Hutchinson, an employee of St. Michael's Arena for the past 23 years, was recently honoured by friends and colleagues on the occasion of his retirement.

Mr. Hutchinson joined the arena staff in 1961 under Al Grossi, the first manager of the building. Originally Harry was employed to sharpen skates - a natural occupation for a man who had owned and operated his own successful lawnmower sharpening business in central Toronto.

Gerry Fullan, the arena manager from 1962 to 1981, continued to recognize the talents and loyalties of Mr. Hutchinson and appointed him as Assistant Manager in 1963. "He treated the arena just like his home", recalls Mr. Fullan. In the last 3 years, Mr. Hutchinson has been of invaluable assistance to Clark McCloud and Barry McDermott as they assumed managerial responsibilities.

Over nearly a quarter century of service, the public has come to recognize Mr. Hutchinson's quiet and mannerly approach to business. "I don't think confrontations solve anything. A quiet word seems to work best even when nasty situations develop", is the way the assistant manager describes his own style.

Mr. Hutchinson has many fond memories of his years at St. Michael's. He likes to recall the occasion on which Fr. Edward Ronon C.S.B. summoned him unexpectedly from the arena and asked him to sit on a stool at the front of the Industrial Arts class. He laughs now as he recounts that Fr. Ronan, with great emotion, went on to lecture the students "on how important it was for people to be able to work with their hands as well as their minds."

Harry Hutchinson quickly points out that the best hockey for him was played in the early 1960's when the old Toronto Hockey League had only 6 major midget teams. "The crowds were big, and the games fast and well played - the St. Michael's teams under Fr. Ted Flanagan were a treat to watch."

In the 1970's, Paul Gauthier became a good friend and respected coach in the eyes of Harry Hutchinson. "He never walked into the building without saying 'hello', and he always asked us what time we wanted the team off the ice. In those days, the Buzzers used to talk to the younger boys in the school and make them feel part of the school and team."

St. Michael's College School honoured Harry Hutchinson on October 28 at a game between the Henry Carr Crusaders and St. Michael's Buzzers. He was presented with a gas barbeque by his employers and other remembrances by friends. A reception was held in the Old Boys' Room.

Mr. Hutchinson admits that "it will be nice to be free of night work - something that my wife, Betty, has just come to accept because of the nature of the job." Mrs. Hutchinson completes 27 years of service at Dominion Bridge next year, and then they plan to investigate purchasing a trailer home in Florida. They have enjoyed similar arrangements near Fergus, Ontario, for a number of summers.

The St. Michael's community thanks Harry Hutchinson for his years of dedicated service and extend best wishes for happiness and satisfaction in the succeeding years.

Jr. "B" - Buzzers

By Bill Fifield (Coach)

Once again St. Michael's Buzzers are embarking upon a new hockey season. With 15 boys on the team attending St. Michael's, we are certainly looking forward in combining academics, athletics and leadership with a successful hockey season.

The team has been training both on and off the ice since mid-August. We look forward to your continued support. Home games are at 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at St. Michael's Arena.

The staff includes: Bill Fifield (Head Coach); Managers, Gerry Fullan and Bruce Peitila; Assistant Coaches, Sean Phillips and Harry Macaloney; Trainers, Tom Stevens, Peter McDougall and John Russo; Equipment Managers, Tom Moran and Wally Heist.

Saint Michael's Musicians and Grads Play A Key Note In Papal Visit

In February, 1984, six very talented musicians sat down to begin the work of organizing a 90 piece band to play for the Pope at the Downsview Mass site. They were, BARRY DIEMERT (60) *Assistant Superintendent of Music Curriculum,* RIESO PELLEGRINE (71) *Director of Music* - Father Henry Carr High School, JOHN B. GUERRIERE (47) *Director of Music,* St. Michael's College School and Principal Conductor, JOHN ANDERSON (61) *Director of Music* - Pope John Paul 11, RUSSELL STACHIW (57), *Director of Music* - Neil McNeil High School, and JOHN VOLPE (61) *Director of Music* - Francis Libermann High School.

When 200 gifted musicians from the Separate School Boards of the Diocese of Toronto came to audition, the Directors knew they had the makings of an enthusiastic and dedicated band. They were right. The auditions were completed by the end of May and 18 St. Michael's students won places in the band - a remarkable achievement.

Final rehearsals started in June at St. Mike's and ended in September. The result was a most successful Premiere Performance at *Minkler Auditorium, Seneca College* on Sept. 12. On Thursday, September 13, the band and 100 of the 9000 voice choir rehearsed in the mud and rain at the Downsview Mass site.

Besides the flawless performance at the Mass, the band later was to entertain the crowd in front of the Parliament Buildings. There they received their reward. As His Holiness passed before the band, he graciously acknowledged the musicians. That gesture made all the months of planning worthwhile. John summed it all up when he said, "It was truly a moving experience. I will never forget it." John, congratulations to you and all the grads and musicians of St. Michael's for successfully playing a key note in the Papal visit.

Scholarship Support Needed

On Friday, March 29, 1985, your Old Boys' Executive is sponsoring a Monte Carlo Night at which time we will be holding our Annual Scholarship Fund Draw. This is our major fund raising event of the year, and this year, we are printing 1500 tickets to be sold at $50.00 each. From each ticket, we intend to donate $35.00 to assist in special scholarship projects at St. Michael's. A tax receipt for your donation of $35.00 will be issued by the school. Cash prizes of $5,000., $2,500., $1,000., and $500 will be awarded this year.

We hope you will support this major fund raising event by completing the following coupon and returning it with your cheque payable to : SMCS Old Boys' Association Scholarship Fund-1985. Ticket purchasers, prior to December 31st, 1984, will be able to get their tax receipt for the 1984 taxation year.

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41 Roman Road,
Thornhill, Ont.
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(If you can help in any of the above, phone Joe Younder at School 653-3180)

Alumni Golf 1984

Wednesday, June 20th, 1984 was a bright sunny day when 85 Alumni and their friends took part in the Annual Alumni Golf Tournament held at **Carrying Place Golf and Country Club.** Once again, all who participated had a good time and everyone went home with a prize, thanks to our many sponsors. CHUCK McCARTHY (51) captured the low gross honours with a 75, while LEN ROBINSON with a 71 was the low net winner.

Next year's tournament will again be held at **Carrying Place,** on Wednesday, June 19th, 1985. PAUL THOMSON (66) continues as convenyor, and we all owe him a great deal of thanks for his continued support. Plan to attend next year. Bring a friend. Contact Paul at 653-1130.

St. Michael's Grads

Keeping Their Heads Above Water - Yachting And Olympic Medalists

Yes, congratulations are in order to TERRY MCLAUGHLIN (75) and his crew, Evrt Bastet, on winning a Silver Medal in the *Flying Dutchman Class* at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. The F.D.C. has long been the private domain of Terry and Evrt and since 1978, no Flying Dutchman crew in this country has finished ahead of them in a regatta. They won the 1980 *F.D. World Championships* just in time for the controversial Western boycott of the Moscow Olympics. Terry was also skipper of Canada's *Americas Cup Challenge,* (Canada 1) in 1983. And, by the way, this yacht was co-skippered by another alumnus, GREG TAWASTSTJERNA (77). This past summer they were both again on *Canada 1* in the *12 Metre World Championships* in Sardinia, Italy. Terry sails out of R.C.Y.C. and is a Stock Broker in Toronto.

There is more. It would require a meticulous search of the record books to determine whether or not two brothers have ever skippered yachts in the same Olympic games. While Terry skippered the Flying Dutchman, brother FRANK (77) was skipper of the 470 Class. Both are sons of PAUL MCLAUGHLIN, Canada's single handed skipper in the 1948 and 1952 Olympics. Not to end there, ANDRE CALLA (72) was a crew member on the *Octavia* which won the *8 Metre International World Cup* this August. This was the first time a Canadian Yacht has ever captured the title. Andre was also a two-time member of *Canada's Admiral's Cup Team* held every two years in England. In 1979, on board *Magistri,* he survived the 650 mile *Fastnet Race* in which gale force winds and sixty foot high seas claimed 19 sailors. He returned in 1983 on a new *Magistri* and won the Channel race from England to France and back - the first Canadian to ever win that race. Andre was a contender in two Canada Cups (1981 and 1984). Andre sails out of R.C.Y.C., and is a Toronto architect. We are proud of all these graduates and wish them well.

Grads In The News

TONY ROMAN (55) Chairman of York Region and former Mayor of Markham is the first independent M.P. elected to Parliament since 1975.

SHAWN O'SULLIVAN (81)

Shawn was a recent guest at the 1984 Athletic Awards Banquet. And, as you all know, he was a recent hit at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics by winning a Silver Medal. On October 9th, he won his first professional fight. Congratulations to Shawn, Silver Medalist, World Cup and World Amateur Champion. Would it be safe to say, that St. Mike's is the only school in Canada to boast of two Olympic medalists in the same Olympics?

A Sport Highlight

Editor's Note: We have added a new dimension to the **Blue Banner - A Sport Highlight.** It is our intention, in each issue, to outline a school sport. This month, we are indebted to PAUL BARRY (73) for his research into Cross Country. Paul is an accomplished teacher, runner and coach at St. Mike's.

CROSS COUNTRY - AN OVERVIEW
1963-84

When one thinks of the athletic success of St. Michael's College School, the distinguished hockey, football and basketball programs come to mind. Most alumni would be surprised to learn that a new team could be added to that list - the **St. Michael's Blue Harriers.**

Cross Country began at St. Michael's in the early 1960's under the direction of coaches, Fr. NEIL HIBBERD (60) and Fr. BOB HOLMES (54). Their dedication established a program that would - by the 1980's - become one of the top high school distance running programs in North America. In its early years, however, the team lived in the shadow of its Basilian rival, Michael Power High School. From the first year of the Toronto District College Athletic Association's (T.D.C.A.A.) Cross Country Championship in 1963 until 1971, Power won every overall title with St. Mike's playing the role of "bridesmaid". The St. Michael's team did manage to win several age division titles when EUGENE McELENEY (67) and HUGH CONNOLLY (67), led the team to win the 1966 Senior Championship. Several team members including PAUL MORRISON (68) also garnered individual titles.

In the late 1960's, two students, JOHN MCCARTHY (71) and GEZA BARANYI (72) were responsible for the beginnings of a new approach to training which would eventually usher in a new era for St. Michael's Cross Country. McCARTHY and BARANYI emphasized that success would only come with a greater dedication to training, both in terms of the number of miles run and the commitment to year-round running. In the early sixties, team members were encouraged to run 100 miles during the autumn competitive season. Today, the senior members of the Blue Harriers run four times that amount in the fall months. At one time, most of the training routes were in neighbouring Forest Hill. Today, even the youngest team members run the streets and trails of Rosedale and Leaside. More importantly, the distance running program has become a yearly endeavour. Many of the students (and coaches) run over 2,500 miles a year.

This evolution in training has resulted in some extraordinary successes. The first major payoff came in 1972 when the Blue Harriers ended Power's ten year domination by capturing the T.D.C.A.A. overall title. In 1976, led by three time league champions, PHILIP BUCKLEY (76), the team repeated its championship. From 1979, St. Mike's has won five consecutive T.D.C.A.A. championships. In 1981, the Junior team of THADY BLUNDELL (84), RICHARD STRAZDS (84), JOHN BOLAN (84), EDWARD RODDY (84) and JOE CARREIRA (85) accomplished what no other St. Michael's team in any sport had every done. It won an O.F.S.A.A. (Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association) championship. Between the years, 1981 and 1983, the Blue Harriers were undefeated in overall competition in Ontario. Unfortunately, O.F.S.A.A. does not officially recognize an overall provincial champion.

The team has also experienced great success south of the border. From 1982 to 1984, the Blue Harriers, have defeated the top high school teams from the American North-East at the **McQuaid Invitational**, the largest high school meet in New York State.

The success of the program can, however, be measured by criteria other than competitive victories. The team is a popular one at the school - at least in terms of participation as fifty to sixty boys are involved. Some go on to compete on the university level while many others run recreationally.

ALAN BAIGENT (76) and MARK BAYLEY (81) are two of the top roadracers in the province. Coach, PAT MONAHAN (63) who recently turned 40 would certainly be considered one of the top Master runners in the country.

Hopefully the many winning traditions established by such earlier team members as BRENDAN O'HALLORAN (81), AGY MARMELO (82), PAUL (74) and BILL SPENCE (80), JOE (82) LARRY (75) and T.J. FLYNN (75), TONY GRIFFIN (76), RICHARD GAUGHAN (78), PAUL FARRUGIA (79), ANDREW BAYLEY (83) and present team captains, MICHAEL McGOWAN (85), PETER FONSECA (86), JOE CARREIRA (85) and ROBERT CATTONA (86), will be followed by future generations of young Blue Harriers.

Sports Around School

ST. MIKE'S CELEBRATES CITY'S OLDEST BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

This year is the 25th Anniversity of the **St. Michael's High School Invitational Basketball Tournament.** The Tournament was initiated by Mike Lavelle (54), the former Blue Raider Coach. This year the Tournament will be held on Friday, January 11 and Saturday, January 12. If you haven't been to a Blue Raider game for a while, this would be a good time to pay your old school a visit. It promises to be one of our best tournaments ever, so try to come out and boost the Blue Raiders to their 10th Tournament championship. Coach Prendergast has already begun preparations.

ST. MICHAEL'S WINS FIRST T.D.C.A.A. GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

by Dan Prendergast [S.M.C. Coach]

In one of the most exciting finishes in the history of the T.D.C.A.A. Golf Tournament, St. Michael's captured its first championship defeating Upper Canada College on the second hole of an extra hole play-off. Three schools ended the 18 holes with identical totals: St. Mike's, Michael Power High School and Upper Canada College. These three schools went back out to the first tee to begin the play-off. After one hole, Michael Power was eliminated. One the second hole, Mike Cooke fired a birdie 3 to clinch the title for St. Michael's. The team was comprised of Kevin McNeil, Mark McNeil, Tim Morrison and Mike Cooke. They just can't wait to play in the Alumni Golf Tournament.

TDCAA TENNIS - A TDCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

by Dave Smyth [Coach]

Within three weeks of returning to school, St. Mike's picked up it's second TDCAA title. Upper Canada College hosted the tournament again this year. A total of 21 schools each entered two doubles teams. St. Michael's was represented by SANDRO FAZZOLARI (85), MIKE SHEA (85), GERARD RONON (87) and ARTHUR DYSON (87). Both teams advanced to the semi-finals. O'Shea/Fazzolari had to struggle to upset the second seeded U.C.C. team 8-6. In the all S.M.C. final, the first seeded team of Ronan/Dyson defeated Fazzolari/O'Shea in straight sets.

This was the first time since 1973 that St. Michael's has won the overall team trophy and it represents the third consecutive TDCAA title for grade 11 student, Gerard Ronan, a young man to watch out for.

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